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Comments on paper

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distribute Golgi-directed trafficking vesicles (Mie Wong and Sean Munro 2014). Here, in order to unravel the protein content of these vesicles, the authors use innovative methods to isolate mitochondria together with the trapped, mis-localised vesicles followed by MS. Their approach opens interesting new possibilities in the determination of cargo proteins present in small, rare and transient trafficking vesicles that are otherwise difficult to isolate and study. The ultimate aim of these studies is to gain insight in cargo composition of vesicles carrying specific tethering proteins.

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Response to reviewers' comments.

We are pleased that the reviewers felt that the work was highly innovative and the data very convincing, and that they supported publication subject to addressing their points. We have added new analysis, data and text to address the reviewers' comments. These changes are described below, along with some additions to describe our arrangements for data sharing.

Data availability.

The mass spectrometry proteomics data have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium via the PRIDE partner repository with the dataset identifier PXD018110. This is available to reviewers with Username: reviewer28255@ebi.ac.uk and Password: hbeLw5Pj. We have also provided an interactive web app to visualise the location of a chosen protein in the spatial maps and in the gradient profiles. The links are listed in the Data Availability paragraph. We have assembled a source data file and this is mentioned in the figure legends and the Data Availability paragraph.

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We have improved the labelling of this table so that it is less cryptic, with each cell line and replicate clearly labelled. In addition, to keep the data on a comprehensible scale, the organelle classification and relocation ratios for each protein are now shown in a separate table (Supplementary Table 2).

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To enable other researchers to investigate proteins further down the list we now provide a table which gives the degree of relocation and the Bayes factor for all proteins in the data sets (Supplementary Table S2). In addition, we now provide interactive web apps to visualise the location of a chosen protein in the spatial

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We apologise for not explaining this properly. This filter was applied to remove very abundant cytosolic proteins such as tubulins, keratins and heat shock proteins as they are not organelle specific and can reduce signal-to-noise in LOPIT-based organelle assignments. To clarify this point we have included a tab in Supplementary Table 1 that lists all the proteins removed prior to LOPIT analysis. In addition, the raw fractionation data for these proteins is still included in Supplementary Table 1 so that they can be analysed if others wish to do so.

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We apologise for this oversight. The complete set of organelle assignments is now shown in Supplementary Table 2 and in the web apps mentioned above, and the sets of proteins specifically associated with the golgin-97-mito and GCC88-mito vesicles are listed in tabs in the same table.

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We apologise for omitting to mention that in our previous studies we have used electron microscopy, proximity biotinylation and direct assays to determine if the mito-Tag results in vesicle accumulation or mitochondrial stress. These studies have found no evidence that the mito-Tag induces mitochondrial stress or causes an accumulation of vesicles (Wong and Munro (2014) Science 346, 1256898; Gillingham et al (2019) eLife 8:e45916). We have now added a comment to this effect.

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We agree that it is speculation to assume that everything that applies to golgin-97 also applies to golgin-245, and so we have now removed the references to the later protein wherever the specific data with golgin-97 are discussed.

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The title does not mention GCC88, and the abstract only notes for golgin-97 the number of proteins we identify as being rerouted by the mitochondrial form. We were able to detect fewer proteins that were rerouted by GCC88, but there were some, and in Figures 2 and 4 we show examples of proteins that are rerouted by either golgin-97 alone or by both golgin-97 and GCC88. This seems like useful information about GCC88, and so we would prefer that the abstract still retain a mention of the protein so that the paper can be readily found in PubMed.

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We apologise for this error. Figure 1a has been corrected to show a fusion protein without BioID.

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As mentioned above, we know from our previous EM studies that in untransfected cells there is never an accumulation of vesicles around mitochondria. In addition, we show in Figure 4c that, as expected, TMEM87A does not accumulate near mitochondria unless cells are also expressing golgin-97-mito.

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This is an interesting idea, and indeed a similar proposal was made about EM images of vesicles found around Golgi stacks (Orci et al. (1998) PNAS 95, 2279). However, care must be taken in interpreting details of sections of cells that have been chemically stained and embedded in plastic, and so we would rather not speculate about this in the context of this paper.

- PCR projection for LOPIT_DC: the pale coloured bullets are not easy to distinguish.

To make the PCA projections easier to follow we have made the panels in Figure 3 slightly larger and increased the size of the bullets in the legend. In addition, we now provide links to web apps that provide larger and interactive versions of the projections (links provided in the Data Availability paragraph). These have worked well for previous publications on LOPIT from the Lilley lab.

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The authors have successfully addressed my concerns and I am happy to now recommend this paper for publication

Response to reviewers' comments.

We are very pleased that the reviewers felt that we had done a good job in addressing their comments and concerns, and hence they were happy to recommend publication. To address the remaining concern of Reviewer #2 we have, as requested, added further discussion in the text of potential caveats/artefacts and potential future analysis.

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We have added further discussion in the text to address this issue. The principle aim of our paper was to show that the LOPIT-DC assay works as an approach to characterise the contents of intracellular vesicles, something that we demonstrate by finding that the most highly enriched proteins are known cargo of such vesicles. Although we validate ATG9, TVP23B and furin as being in vesicles captured by golgin-97 but not GCC88, and TMEM87A as being in vesicles in captured by both golgins (and being mislocalised by their absence), these four proteins are the only ones that we validate that had not been previously shown to be relocated by mitochondrial golgins. Thus, to make the caveats about our data clear we have added the following text to the concluding paragraph:

"We have validated four cargo that had not previously been reported as being captured by mitochondrial golgins (ATG9A, TVP23B, furin and TMEM87A). Nonetheless, it should be noted that we applied an empirical cut-off to select a set of high scoring hits for further analysis, and, like any statistical cut-off, it is to some extent arbitrary. Thus, some of the other hits may not be in vesicles, and some of those below the cut-off, especially those close to the boundary, may actually be in vesicles. However, the full list of data provided in the Supplementary tables, and the relative simplicity of the mitochondrial golgin relocation assay, should enable others to readily test the vesicle location of their proteins of interest."